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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING OF RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.136(a)

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Petition is filed with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in response to a final Office Action mailed 10 March 2005. The time period for submission of this RCE was set to expire 10 June 2005.

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time of one (1) month for filing the RCE in the above-identified patent application, such extension to expire 10 July 2005, which time is within the statutory period.

The Fee set in Rule 1.17 for the above-period is enclosed. If there is any deficiency or overage in the Fee required for the above-requested extension, please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-3550. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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